

THE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
CONFERENCE AND TRAINING ON
GANGS, VIOLENCE, AND DRUGS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Annual Community Mobilization Conference and Training on Gangs, Violence and Drugs which was recently convened in my hometown of San Diego, CA.

This was the eighth annual conference convened by Nu-Way Youth and Social Services, a local community-based organization. The conference was a national, collaborative event that brought parents, educators, law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors, health and social service providers, together with civic, political and spiritual leaders to discuss the latest technologies and strategies for combatting juvenile crime in our communities.

I would also like to give recognition to the National Crime Prevention Council [NCPC] and the Bureau of Justice Assistance [BJA] of the U.S. Department of Justice for their support and cosponsorship of NuWay's Eighth Annual National Conference. The NCPC and the BJA added programmatic support and technical assistance. By doing so they provided Nu-Way access to greater numbers of nationally recognized trainers, and broader participation. Conference participants came from throughout the United States and Canada.

This support further strengthened the Educating, Motivating, Organizing and Mobilizing [EMOM] process and demonstrated the effectiveness of the partnership between community and government.

This conference was a true collaborative project. And by its very nature, it reinforced the notion that "it takes a village to raise a child"—and it challenged all of our citizens to accept the responsibility and join in our struggle to keep our youth free from the influence of gangs and drugs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Nu-Way, a valuable resource in the fight against gangs, drug abuse and violence, is based in my Congressional district, and I applaud the efforts of Nu-Way and the Community Mobilization Conference for their important role in our fight against juvenile crime.

H.R. 2316

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing bipartisan legislation that would change the terminology used in U.S. trade statutes from most favored nation [MFN] to normal trade relations [NTR] in order to more accurately reflect the nature of the trade relationship in question. This legislation would correct a misnomer under U.S. law. The term "most favored nation" has been quite misleading because it has implied that we were extending benefits greater than the normal benefits we extend to our trading partners under the World Trade Organization. However, in extending

MFN treatment, we have been doing no more than extending the same benefits we extend to other trading partners.

Specifically, in the context of U.S. tariff legislation, MFN treatment means that the products of a country given such treatment are subject to lower rates of duty—found in column 1 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule [HTS] of the United States. Products from countries not eligible for MFN treatment under U.S. law are subject to higher rates of duty—found in column 2 of the HTS. Under current United States law, only six countries are subject to column 2 treatment: Afghanistan, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, and Vietnam. Every other country in the world is subject to either conditional or unconditional MFN treatment, or to even more preferential rates than MFN under free-trade agreements. Accordingly, we should make clear to the American people what this treatment really is: merely normal.

TRIBUTE TO PETER EDWARD
BRODIE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Peter Edward Brodie for his exceptional service to the defense of our Nation, to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and to our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Pete for his contributions.

Pete began his military service career at the age of 17. After basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL, he was sent to sea and shortly thereafter to serve in the coastal waters of the Republic of South Vietnam. After 3 years of exemplary duty, Pete was released from active duty and joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. As a dedicated soldier, he remained in both the Naval and Marine Reserves. Today we honor Pete for his years of dedication to our forces and upon his retirement as master gunnery sergeant, acting sergeant major of Marine Wing Support Squadron 473.

It is not only for Pete's long term dedication to the Armed Forces and sheriff's department that we honor him, but also for his extraordinary service to the community and dedication to his wife, Nancy, and two children Richard and Angela.

My description here today of Pete's local involvement will only scratch the surface of what he has done for the citizens our community. At the local level, he has coached Pop Warner Football and headed the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and American Legion Post. Pete has also served the Women's Peace Officers Association of California, the U.S. Naval Institute and the Marine Corps Association.

Pete has best served our community through his leadership, especially as president of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs [ALADS], the certified bargaining unit for more than 7,000 deputy sheriff's and district investigators. He has represented ALADS members in collective bargaining, ensuring the stability and smooth functioning of one of the Nation's largest sheriff's departments. Few men are capable of such tremendous work.

Ulysses S. Grant once said, "No personal consideration should stand in the way of public duty." Nothing more accurately describes the importance of civic life to Pete Brodie. He has gone beyond the call of duty in providing for the safety of our community through his service and leadership with the sheriff's department and as member of the Armed Services. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join the family, friends of Peter Brodie and citizens of Los Angeles County in honoring him today for his successes.

TRIBUTE TO CALTON "CAL"
KRUEGER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to a man of rare commitment and resolute conviction. Calton "Cal" Krueger of Toledo, OH passed away on May 24, 1997. We shall miss him and his leadership as an unwavering voice for the powerless and exploited. He loved all of God's children and sought to protect them.

Cal was a minister in the United Church of Christ for 38 years before retiring in 1990 from First United Church of Christ, whose congregation he led for 25 years. A deeply moral, strong, and compassionate pastor, and a veteran, Cal was most known for his social activism. He was deeply involved in world affairs, particularly in Central America, and belonged to Pastors for Peace, Veterans for Peace, the Toledo Metropolitan Mission, the Interracial Religious Coalition, the Interfaith Justice and Peace Center of Northwest Ohio, and the Toledo Area Committee on Central America.

Promoting desegregation and racial harmony in our communities' neighborhoods, peace for all nations, refugee resettlement, nuclear disarmament, and many other social and global causes, Cal was part of an elite corps of clergy who truly lived out the words and deeds of Christ and His teachings. Cal was a man emulated by many but equaled by few. Our community extends its sincere sympathy and deepest admiration for the Krueger family. To his wife Gena, his children Geoffrey, Jill, Stephen, Jonathan, and Amy and his grandchildren, thank you for sharing this gifted man of faith with us. His depth of understanding about international politics and his own commitment to make a difference were precious and inspiring. We are honored he dwelt among us.

INSTALLATION OF DAVID F.
"BUD" WILSON AS PRESIDENT
OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE
AGENTS OF AMERICA

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a fellow Californian, David F. "Bud" Wilson of Chula Vista, CA, who will be installed as president of the Nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents of America [IIAA]—next month in

Hawaii. Bud is chairman of the board of Wilson Insurance Agency, Inc., an independent insurance agency located in Chula Vista.

Bud's career as an independent insurance agent has been marked with outstanding dedication to his clients, his community, IIAA, the State association—the Insurance Brokers and Agents of the West [IBA West]—his colleagues and his profession.

On the State level, Bud served IBA West on various committees and as president in 1981. From 1983–1986 he served as the IABC representative on IIAA's board of State national directors. In 1987, Bud received the P.S.W. Ramsden Memorial Award, the highest honor bestowed by the California State association.

Bud's love of politics and legislative affairs served him well during four highly successful years as chairman of IIAA's government affairs committee. In recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of all independent agents as government affairs committee chairman, Bud was bestowed IIAA's Sydney O. Smith Legislative Award in 1994.

Bud was elected to IIAA's executive committee in 1994. In the time since, he has exhibited a spirit of dedication and concern for his 300,000 independent agent colleagues around the country.

Bud's selfless attitude also extends to his involvement in Chula Vista-area community activities. He is past-president of the Chula Vista Rotary, the Chula Vista Jaycees, the Chula Vista Community Hospital Board of Trustees and the Chula Vista Salvation Army. He also has been involved in numerous other Chula Vista community projects.

I have complete confidence that Bud will serve with distinction and provide strong leadership as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America over the next year. I wish him and his lovely wife, Sandra, all the best as IIAA president and first lady.

IN SUPPORT OF THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT (H.R. 1015)

SPEECH OF
HON. BOB RILEY
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Balanced Budget Act. Before I begin, I want to commend Speaker GINGRICH, Chairman KASICH, and even President Clinton for their hard work on this historic legislation.

For too many years Congress has made broken promises and half-hearted attempts to balance the Federal budget. With a national debt in excess of \$5 trillion, we cannot wait another day.

I am committed to enacting a balanced budget for the sake of our children and their future.

This Balanced Budget Act is a giant step forward. It begins to scale back the size and scope of Government, ensuring our children the ability to invest in their future rather than paying our bills. By balancing the budget in a real and credible way, we have ensured that the real winners in this agreement are not politicians in Washington but working Americans across the country.

When I decided to run for Congress, my message was simple, the Federal Government

must learn to exercise the same fiscal restraints that families and businesses operate under each and every day.

The Balanced Budget Act will once and for all put an end to the reckless spending of the past. By reigning in excessive and irresponsible Government spending we can pass along the savings to the American people.

The economic rewards of a balanced budget include, lower interest rates, a healthier and promising economy full of opportunities for our children and grandchildren, a sound Medicare system, and more money left in working Americans' pockets.

By holding Government programs accountable and forcing Government to live within its means—as Alabama families and businesses do—we are able to deliver a smaller and smarter Government that works for the people, instead of forcing Americans to work for Washington.

Mr. Speaker, a balanced budget is not about numbers, its about people and families. Most important, its about our moral obligation to stop robbing future generations of the opportunities and prosperity they deserve.

It is irresponsible for us to keep passing our burdens onto our children. The time has come for Congress to represent the will of the people and take responsibility for balancing our Federal budget.

The Balanced Budget Act achieves fiscal responsibility the right way. By protecting seniors, providing health care for children, and ensuring veterans benefits. We have proven that we can balance the Federal budget without harming the most vulnerable in society.

This historic legislation will enable us to provide needed tax relief to working families, save Medicare from bankruptcy, and restore power, money, and influence back to the people.

I urge my colleagues to support the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

IN MEMORY OF GENE SHOEMAKER

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, the scientific community lost one of its brightest stars this month when astronomer Gene Shoemaker was killed in an auto accident. His wife Carolyn was also injured and hospitalized. We should all say a prayer for her speedy recovery.

Dr. Shoemaker dedicated his life to advancing the frontiers of human knowledge and experience. He was slated to be one of the first scientists to visit the moon during the Apollo program until a minor physical impairment cost Gene his flight status. But that didn't stop his commitment to science or his passion for understanding our universe. Dr. Shoemaker pressed onward and upwards as a leader of the Lunar Ranger and Surveyor Programs over three decades ago. When the Apollo program came to an end, Gene focused on asteroids and meteors.

But Gene didn't give up his passion for Earth's natural satellite. Over two decades after leading America's first lunar science missions, he joined the science team for the Clementine mission, which discovered evi-

dence of ice on the Moon, making global headlines. Gene's years of studying asteroids and meteors convinced him that the evolution of the planets in our solar system has been changed by large asteroid and meteor impacts. Like many of the science community's best minds, Gene initially had to struggle against scientific orthodoxy for his theories to be considered. He persisted and his passion for the truth, for science, and for discovery won out. In 1994, we witnessed the most dramatic proof validating Gene's work. That year, the Shoemaker-Levy comet, which Gene, Carolyn, and their colleague David Levy discovered, crashed into Jupiter in the astronomical equivalent of the Fourth of July. Who could not be impressed or awed with reality's demonstration of Gene's vision? No matter what he was working on, Dr. Shoemaker always managed to make some of the most exciting discoveries in space science while exciting young minds about the possibilities for the future. I have little doubt that Gene and Carolyn shared the excitement of countless millions following the progress of the Pathfinder mission and its little rover Sojourner across the Martian soil.

As successful and important as Dr. Shoemaker's professional life was, his personal life stands as a monument to the better angels of our nature. With a twinkle in his eye, a gentleness in his voice, and calmness in his expressions, Gene Shoemaker proved every day that nice guys finish first. As a scientist, an outdoorsman, an individualist, and a teacher, Dr. Shoemaker's life made the world a better place. We will, of course, miss him and cannot help feeling the loss that his passing brings. Still, after reflecting on his professional accomplishments and the manner in which Gene lived his life, we cannot help but catch the infectious job with which he pursued new discoveries. That spirit lives on in the lives of those who crossed his path. It will carry us into a future that begins to realize the possibilities of Gene's vision.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to explain my vote yesterday against the conference report on H.R. 1015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and to express my opposition to adoption today of the conference report on H.R. 1014, the Revenue Reconciliation Act. Reconciliation has always meant one bill on revenues and spending, and these two bills must be viewed as a single package.

As many speakers before me have said, there are good things in both bills—restored SSI and Medicaid for legal immigrants; tax credits for children and for education; funds for health insurance for uninsured children; empowerment zones and brownfields; Medicare coverage of preventive services; funds to soften some of the worst provisions of last year's welfare reform.

Both bills are certainly far, far better than the versions that passed the House and the Senate—gone are the hits on Medicare beneficiaries; the consignment of workfare participants to a second class status; denial of child